UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

STONCOR GROUP, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHER CAMPTON, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C05-1225JLR

MINUTE ORDER

The following minute order is made by the direction of the court, the Honorable James L. Robart:

The court has received the parties' cross-motions to compel discovery (Dkt. ## 67, 69). As to Defendants' motion, Plaintiff argues that it should be denied because the parties have not properly conferred pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(B). As to Plaintiff's motion, Plaintiff admits that as of the date of filing, it had not had an opportunity to confer about certain deficiencies in Defendants' interrogatory responses. Before the court rules on either motion, the parties are instructed to confer in good faith – either face-to-face or by telephone – on any and all remaining disputes concerning both motions, as required by the federal and local rules. Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(B); Local Rules W.D. Wash. CR 37(a)(2)(A). Written requests between the parties is not sufficient to constitute a conference. The parties shall submit a letter to the court confirming that a conference has taken place by close of business on Wednesday, November 30, 2005.

The court further notes that the parties have engaged in additional discovery following the submission of their cross-motions. The court is not prepared to rule on matters that have become moot or may be resolved by the parties during their conference. Accordingly, the court STRIKES both motions to compel from its docket. Future motions to compel (if any) may be filed only after the parties have properly conferred and must be organized by interrogatory number, request for production number, or the like.

Filed and entered this 28th day of November, 2005.

BRUCE RIFKIN, Clerk

By s/Mary Duett
Deputy Clerk